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## TECH SHOW GETTING READY FOR TUESDAY

### Coach Reports Men in Fine Shape — Only Finishing Touches Necessary.

Final preparations are being made for the first performance of the Tech Show on the afternoon of the sixteenth of April. A large number of seats have been sold, but most of the fifty and seventy-five cent seats for the Boston performances are still left. As all the seats in the Shubert are exceptionally good, the management hopes to dispose of them before Monday afternoon.

Coach Sanger returned Wednesday after an absence of a few days, and found that the men are all ready for the extra hard work to be done Tuesday. From now on a complete rehearsal of the play will be held daily so that the coach can drill the men in the mannerisms and affectations that are so essential to a successful production.

Publicity Manager Whitwell left Thursday for a three days' trip to make final preparations for the performance to be held at Smith College on the twenty-seventh. He will visit Springfield, South Hadley, Amherst and Northampton. As most of the Northampton seats have already been sold, it appears that the Show will be well received there, in spite of its absence from that city last year.

Post cards, on which are reduced facsimiles of the poster, go on sale today. They may be obtained at the Cage, at the Show office, or from members of the Show management at five cents apiece.

## PROM MONEY TUESDAY.

### Subscriptions Due Not Later Than 1 O'clock, April 16.

That Junior Promenade subscriptions must be in by Tuesday, April 16, was the statement issued by the Prom Committee yesterday. Any men whose subscriptions are late will have their names placed upon the waiting list and will be allowed to attend the Prom only in case of a vacancy.

The committee has worked out a plan by which men will be greatly aided in finding their partners at the dance. Letters from A to I will be placed in conspicuous places about the hall, and a space will appear on the dance orders in which the place of meeting can be designated by letter.

## CONCERT PROGRAMS AT 1.

An error in the printer's calculations caused a delay in the delivery of the Spring concert programs, and a large number of disappointed men left the Union yesterday noon with no programs in their hands. The manager of the Musical Clubs has been in communication with the engraver, and the programs will be at the Union at 1.30 today, to be distributed to men presenting the cards which accompanied the concert tickets.

Groundkeeper Hines is working hard on the tennis courts and baseball diamond at the Field, but the weather is against him.

## ARCHITECTS HEAR TALK ON WOOLWORTH BLDG.

### Mr. Shaffer Tells Option Two Men of Engineering Problems.

Before the Architectural Engineering Society, last night, Mr. Guy Shaffer, '10, gave a talk on the problems met in connection with the Woolworth Building, now being built in New York. Mr. Shaffer is an architectural engineer in the office of Mr. Cass Gilbert, '78, the architect of this, the newest of New York's skyscrapers, and he was able to give personal sidelights on the features of the engineering work. His talk was illustrated by numerous drawings and blue prints made for the building.

The structure was originally planned to have a basement area of fifty by one hundred feet, but the final designs for the monumental building that it is now to be were brought about by the acquisition of an adjoining piece of land. Caissons had to be built to a depth of about one hundred and thirty feet below the street level, necessitating air-tight chambers. For wind bracing, portal bracing was used to the twenty-eighth floor, and from there up knee bracing was used. One of the hardest problems met in this connection was to get an open arcade for the architectural effect without the use of a portal brace through it.

The solution of the elevator problem in a building of this kind determines the life of the building, said the speaker. After the plans were made, Mr. Woolworth, the owner, decided that he wanted an air-cushion at the first floor that would stop the elevators in case of accident. The pressure on the interior of the elevator shaft is from fifteen to twenty-five pounds per square inch, making the designing of the doors a difficult problem. The casing of the shaft is of concrete. It is estimated that it will take from three and one-half to four and a half minutes to reach the top of the tower, a height of fifty-seven floors.

The lighting of the building will be interesting on the exterior as well as in the interior, the intention being to place lights just inside of the sev-

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## TECHNOLOGY CLUB.

### Mr. William Lyman Underwood Will Speak Tuesday.

The regular Ladies' Night of the Technology Club will be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, April 16. Mr. William Lyman Underwood will entertain the members and their friends with some of his best stories of "Animal Life in the Woods," illustrating them with lantern slides.

Mr. Underwood is one of the special lecturers in the Biological Department of the Institute and is a well known and popular speaker. He attended Technology as a special student during the year 1898-99, and was president of Technology Club two years ago. During his term of office he gave numerous talks at the club smokers, and proved unfailingly entertaining. His talk next Tuesday promises to be as interesting as any that he has given in the past.

## SOPHOMORES PLAY BEVERLY HIGH SCHOOL

### The First Game of the Season This Afternoon Played at Beverly.

Sophomore baseball commences at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when the Tech nine meets the strong Beverly High aggregation at Beverly. This is the first game of the season for both teams, and comes after a period of practice interrupted by poor baseball weather. For this reason the players may appear erratic and slow, but the teams are evenly matched and the game should be close.

The Beverly men is made up of practically the same men, with the exception of the pitcher, who played such fine ball last year, and is exceptionally strong for a high school team. While Beverly has had the advantage of practice on its home field nearly every day this season, the Sophs have had to content themselves with three days a week, and sometimes less. They had a team strong enough to defeat the Juniors last year, however, and Manager Gardiner expects them to nose out a victory.

Because of the guarantee with Beverly only twelve men will make the trip this afternoon. The manager announces that this does not mean a cut in the squad, and that all men now out are still eligible for positions on the team.

The following players are to be ready for the 1.40 train for Beverly which leaves the North Station:

Sterke, catcher.  
Swift and Harris, pitchers.  
Stewart and Perly, first basemen.  
Comber, second base.  
Mahoney, third base.  
Gardiner, short-stop.  
Hardy, Page, Hughes and Long, outfielders.

## BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

This afternoon the Biological Society will take a trip to the Buzzy Institute at Forest Hills. The men will meet at 2.15 in the rooms of the Biological Department in Pierce. They will inspect the laboratories in which all the anti-toxins for the State Board of Health are made, and will hear an illustrated talk on the work by the director in charge. This is an excellent opportunity to visit the State laboratories, and as many members as possible are requested to make the trip.

## ART MUSEUM LECTURES.

The Museum of Fine Arts calls the attention of Institute men to three lectures of interest which are to be given in the Museum tomorrow afternoon. Mr. William H. Kennedy will lecture at 3 o'clock on classical art, leading his audience through the galleries and illustrating his talk with the pictures.

At 3.45 Mr. Eben F. Comins will speak in Exhibition Room 4 on the "Pictures of Snow in the Museum," and earlier in the afternoon, at 2.15 o'clock, Miss Brazier will deliver an address in the Lecture Hall on "The Thirteen Colonies."

Cross-country will now be rather dead until next Fall.

## ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF C. E. SOCIETY

### Nominations Due Next Wednesday and Results Announced At Banquet.

The election of officers of the Civil Engineering Society will be held April 30, and the results will be announced at the annual dinner on May 1. Nominations for the twelve offices to be filled must be handed to the Secretary not later than Wednesday, April 17. They must be signed by at least ten members of the society.

The officers consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, an Executive Committee of five men, of which the President and Vice-President are ex-officio members, and a Program Committee of five men, of which the Vice-President is a member. The Juniors are given the most important offices and a control of the Executive Committee, while the second-year men are eligible for the positions of Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and two members of the Program Committee. In this way the society is assured of being managed by men of experience and at the same time the Sophomores are given a chance to become familiar with the work.

The ballots will be distributed shortly after Junior Week, and must all be returned before 4 o'clock on the afternoon of April 30. The Secretary wishes the men to be as prompt as possible in turning them in.

Next Friday the B. A. A. will hold their sixteenth annual American Marathon race over the Ashland-Boston course. The race will be the official tryout for the selection of the American Marathon team to compete at the Olympic games.

Brown defeated Bowdoin, 5-4, in baseball yesterday.

The track men hope to see Wilson in shape soon.

## CALENDAR.

In Charge of S. H. Taylor, 1914.

Saturday, April 13.

1.35—Soph Baseball vs. Beverly—North Station.

2.15—Biological Society Trip—Pierce.

2.30—Interclass Meet—Tech Field.  
3.00—Freshman Baseball vs. English High—Franklin Field.

Monday, April 15.

No Glee Club Rehearsal.  
Tech Show Rehearsal.

Tuesday, April 16.

12.00—Classes Dismissed Until Monday.

12.15—Technique Rush—Oval.

2.00—Tech Show—Shubert Theatre.

8.15—Glee Club Rehearsal.

Wednesday, April 17.

Sophomore Baseball vs. Natick.  
8.00—Spring Concert—Copley Hall.

No Issue of THE TECH.  
10 A. M.—Technique vs. THE TECH, Baseball—Tech Field.

Thursday, April 18.

2.00—Tech Show—Shubert Theatre.

Friday, April 19.

No Issue of THE TECH.  
8.30—Junior Prom—Hotel Somerset.

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## IN CHARGE OF ISSUES.

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## JUNIOR WEEK.

This will be our last issue before Junior Week is upon us with its blare of trumpets, its galaxy of social affairs, and all the annual festivities for which Technology Junior Week is so well known.

THE TECH wishes one and all of its readers a happy vacation. May all the affairs prove satisfactory in the eyes of the men in charge, and may the approaching week be the best ever held in the social history of the Institute.

During the week it is our intention to print three issues, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, respectively. Each of these issues will contain special features, and the Saturday issue will develop a new idea as far as THE TECH is concerned, and should prove of great interest to every Institute man.

And now a word on another subject. When next week is over and the holidays a thing of the past, each one of us will have to start in and work hard if we are to get through those examinations. Most of us seem to have a violent attack of Spring fever just at present, and this, in addition to the distractions of the approaching Junior Week, has caused many of us to momentarily forget our object in coming to this school. It will be a hard thing to get into our stride again the week after next and make good in our work. So, fellows, remember what you are here for and make this school year a record one on the working side, as well as the undoubted triumph it has been in activities.

THE TECH extends its best wishes to the managements of the Show, the Spring Concert, and Technique, and hopes their efforts may be crowned with the great success which they deserve.

## TECHNIQUE.

On Tuesday morning next the opening event of our week occurs when the Technique rush takes place. This year's book reflects great credit on the editors and staff; it is excellently gotten up from cover to cover, and each page is a treat in itself. The Technique Managing Board decided that in view of the large number of

## FAST TIMES EXPECTED AT THE FIELD TODAY

Large List of Entries—Close Competition Probable in Annual Meet.

The classes will again fight it out for athletic supremacy at the Field this afternoon, and the Sophomores from their showing last Saturday in their meet with the Freshmen seem to have the best chance of getting the winning score. They will be in even better condition than last Saturday, because they will have the star cross-country men to run in the distance events. The Juniors have a lot of good men who will, doubtless, take first and second places, and they may be able to nose out a victory. The Freshmen will push the Juniors hard for second place.

The dashes have the best entry list that has been made in some little time. If L. A. Wilson's leg is in shape he will probably win, but if he does not run there will probably be a close race between H. S. Wilkins, '14; J. J. Strachan, '13; T. J. Barry, '15; J. O'Brien, '15, and J. Homan, '15. These men are also the best choice in the 220-yard.

The 220-hurdles should furnish another interesting race, with C. Gabriel, '12; B. Munch, '13; T. Huff, '14, and A. B. Curtis, '15, running. The race between Curtis and Huff is expected to be close, as these two men raced neck and neck last Saturday until Curtis fell after clearing the last hurdle.

Huff and Curtis seem to have the 120-yard high hurdles all to themselves, with Homan for the third man. E. Alt is another Freshman who may outdo the upperclassmen. He has shown up well in the discus and broad jump. H. E. Hadley, '15, may take points in the dashes and shot-put. He or MacLeod, '14, look the best for the latter event.

## CIVIL TEAM IN SHAPE.

Everyone Ready for Junior Week Game—Lineup Announced.

Under the guidance of Manager Raymond, the Civils' fast baseball team is getting into the best of shape, and now looks good enough to take the Junior Week championship. Nothing in the way of putting the railroaders into the best of shape and spirits, especially spirits, has been omitted. Yesterday two of the liveliest men in the squad were appointed to take care of the coaching. Nicholson will officiate on the first base line, and Buckley will look after the runners who get as far as third, and will keep guard over the trophy. These men will serve as substitutes if any of the others are prostrated with the heat before the end of the fifth inning.

The provisional line-up and batting order is as follows: Harrington, short-stop; Ranney, left field; Sican, second base and pitcher; Raymond, player-manager, catcher; Yereance, first base; Jones, pitcher; Priest, right field; Wallis, third base; Eicher, center field.

Col. Roosevelt gave an address yesterday noon at Faneuil Hall before five hundred enthusiastic Republicans. His New England campaign begins in earnest today at Springfield, where the Progressives are exceedingly strong.

unsold copies during the past few years, this year's issue should be limited to a certain number of copies. So far a great number of Institute men have signed up, and there are but few copies left to be signed for. We advise all those men who have not signed and who wish a copy of this very excellent book to do so at once and avoid the probability of being left.

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play the English High nine this after-  
noon, at 3 o'clock, if the weather per-  
mits. The members will meet in the  
Union at 1 o'clock, and go from there  
out to Franklin Field, the only place  
available for the game.

The team has not yet been picked  
but the men will probably fill the fol-  
lowing places:

Hall, Baldrey, catchers.  
McDevitt, Fulton, first base.  
Scully, second base.  
Lewis, Caffrey, Howlett, short-stop.  
Franks, third base.  
Morse, McIntyre, Thomas, Rcy,  
fielders.

Bauer, McIntyre, pitchers.  
There was some good practice yes-  
terday in spite of the rain, and the in-  
field showed a decided improvement.  
English High has a strong team, and  
this game, together with the practice  
next week, will put the Freshmen in  
good shape for the encounter with  
Winchester High April 20.

## ARCHITECTS' MEETING.

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eral cornices of the building, and to  
use a search light in the tower.

Considerable attention must be paid  
to facilities for the handling and use  
of drawings. Shop drawings from the  
contractors of the trim work, the  
frame, the steel and steel details,  
terra cotta, copper, plumbing, heating,  
and the wiring work must be filed so  
as to be readily accessible. There are  
about four thousand drawings to  
catalogue and file.

Mr. Shaffer said that it was his work  
to consult with the steel, plumbing,  
heating and wiring engineers, and  
that none of them readily understood  
the unity of the building. Their  
drawings were turned over to the  
architectural engineer as presumably  
correct, and he had to see whether  
they were right and corresponded  
with each other and with the scheme  
as a whole, and any final mistake was  
brought home to him. The number of  
changes in the contractor's plans so  
far is over a hundred, and each of  
them necessitates a delay.

As an example of the costliness of  
these delays, every week's delay in  
the completion date of the building  
meant a twelve thousand dollar loss  
to the owner. The value of the land  
itself is five million dollars, and the  
cost of the building upon it is from  
six to seven million dollars more, the  
interest of the entire investment at  
five per cent. being six hundred thou-  
sand dollars. The change in the plans  
of the structure delayed the com-  
pletion of the building one year, mak-  
ing an additional cost to the owner,  
Mr. Woolworth, of that amount.

## TRIP TO NEW BUILDING.

Architectural Engineers See Ex-  
cavation at Filene's.

Twenty members of the Architec-  
tural Engineering Society were, yes-  
terday noon, shown over the partially  
built new Filene Building on Wash-  
ington street by Mr. Cummings, the  
general manager of the Wells Com-  
pany, the contractors. The party in-  
cluded Professor Lawrence and Mr.  
Wells.

One of the features of the construc-  
tion seen was the carrying on of the  
excavating work and the overhead  
steel work at the same time. Under  
each column on the first floor an  
open caisson has been sunk a dis-  
tance of from sixty to seventy feet to  
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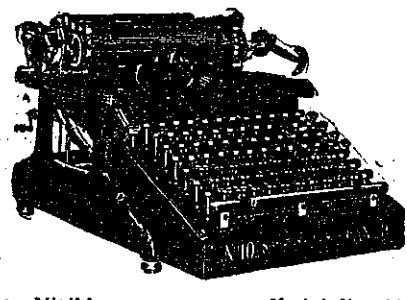
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